

SUMMARY

I. Description of Item

This resolution established a committee to evaluate the short and long term revenue needs of Shelby County Government required and to create strategies to address those needs. Current revenue streams will be analyzed along with the corresponding short and long term service requirements to define the need and develop appropriate strategies for review and recommendation for implementation. The process and results are to be developed expeditiously in order to maximize the benefit upon implementation.

II. Source and Amount of Funding

This resolution requires no new funds for the monitoring process.

III. Contract Items

N/A

IV. Additional Information Relevant to Approval of this Item

The Administration requests approval of this resolution

Item_____

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Commissioner: Malone

Approved by _____

**RESOLUTION CREATING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO EVALUATE FUNDING
NEEDS OF SHELBY COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND TO CREATE STRATEGIES TO
ADDRESS THESE NEEDS SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER DEIDRE MALONE**

WHEREAS, Administrative review and financial assessments have demonstrated that Shelby County Government, as presently functioning and structured with the limited governmental authority from the State of Tennessee, has tremendous difficulty sustaining itself on the resources presently available to it; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor’s Administration and the Shelby County Board of Commissioners are recommending that a thorough examination be conducted to determine the use and collection of all current revenues, the range and efficiency with which current services are provided, and estimates of the level of services to our citizens which can be supported in the short and long term as a basis for determining future initiatives to obtain the necessary legislative authority for revenue initiatives required to fund the needed levels of services; and

WHEREAS, The Administration and the Commission firmly believe that in order for Shelby County Government to maintain and enhance the trust of its citizens, the process of addressing these aforementioned challenges should be open and transparent, and should include as participants representatives of Shelby County Government, the public at large, the business community, state government and local municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, The Administration and the Commission concur on the urgency of an expeditious process to provide the strategic solutions required in order to obtain funding to sustain the services for the current and future needs of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Administration and the Commission that the Committee not merely study these needs and available resources, but present detailed findings and firm recommendations for actions to be taken to ensure that Shelby County Government is operating with the highest level of practical efficiency and if it determines that Shelby County Government should cease providing or funding certain services to so recommend; and

WHEREAS, The Administration and the Commission recognize that after the above inquiries are addressed, it may be found that Shelby County Government needs new revenue and if so the Committee shall so recommend and identify with specificity the sources of said revenue.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, that there is unanimous support for the creation of an advisory committee to evaluate funding needs of Shelby County Government and to create strategies to address these needs, and that the Funding Needs Advisory Committee is hereby established.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Committee will be charged with the evaluation and analysis of the sustainability of current revenue options, priority and efficiency with regard to government services, and will determine the needs and develop a strategic plan for implementation to address these needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Committee shall consist of not less than seven (7) nor more than twenty-one (21) members, with said members being selected from the following:

- 1) Shelby County Government Administration
- 2) Shelby County Commission
- 3) The Local Business Community or a organization speaking for or representing that community
- 4) The Shelby County Legislative Delegation
- 5) Tennessee County Services Association, Local Municipal Governments, Local Charitable Organizations, the Faith-Based Community, and such other members deemed appropriate by the Shelby County Mayor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that time is of the essence, and it is the desire that this Committee undertake its work with dispatch and deliver its findings in like manner, and that the Committee shall be constituted and begin its work no later than 30 days following the signing of this Resolution and to submit its findings and recommendations to the Mayor and Commission not later than 120 days following its first meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administration and the Commission staff are authorized and directed to provide the Committee the reasonable and prudent support and supplies needed to carry out its assignment in the manner set forth herein.

A C Wharton, Jr., Mayor

Date:_____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED:_____